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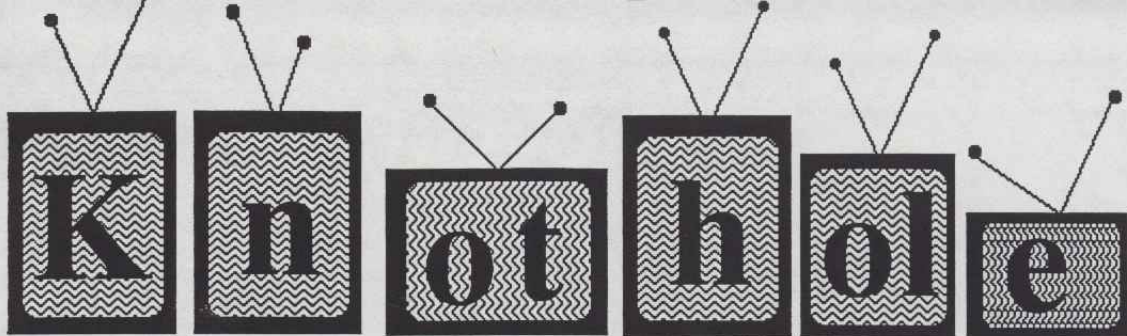
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S.U.N.Y. COLLEGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND FORESTRY

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## Shifting Paradigms Conference to be held at SUNY ESF

by Darryl G. Murdock

The 2nd annual Shifting Paradigms conference will be held at SUNY ESF April 16-17. This conference offers students, faculty and anyone interested in environmental issues an opportunity to present papers and listen to a host of environmental topics ranging from policy issues to wetlands research. The conference is organized and conducted entirely by ESF students.

Last year's conference was a resounding success. Participants from over a dozen different institutions gave presentations and over 200 people attended. This year, the conference is being run somewhat differently. Instead of a rolling presentation schedule, there will be a more formal agenda. This change is an effort by the organizing committee to include more people and accommodate different interest groups.

According to this year's conference coordinator, Marie Balle, this year's conference also has a somewhat different focus. She would like to see more student participation and urges anyone interested in presenting a paper or participating in the poster display session to submit an abstract of their work for consideration. When asked, "As a student, why should I attend?", Ms. Balle had the following comment, "This is a good opportunity for students to gain an understanding of new and emerging concepts in Environmental Studies and Forestry, provide research ideas, and also for them to have a chance to meet student, faculty, and community leaders from central New York."

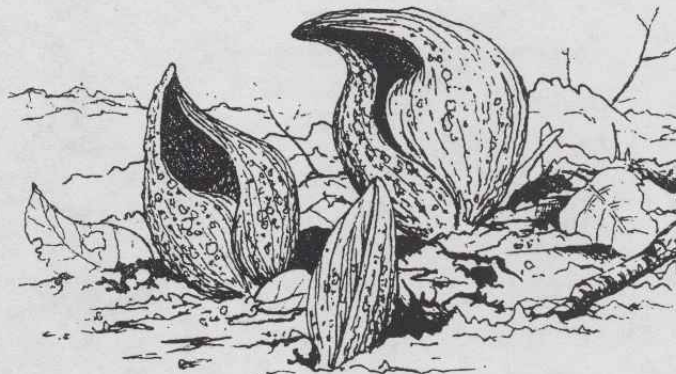
In addition to local participation, the conference committee hopes to have participants from several other non-local colleges, universities and non-governmental organizations.

There will be six major areas of interest presented at this year's conference: "Public Policies for Sustainable Development"; "Social Ecology and Environmental Ethics"; "Race and Gender Issues"; "Environmental Engineering and Modeling"; "Innovations in 'Ecotechnology'"; and "Other Relevant Innovative Perspectives".

Anyone interested in presenting is encouraged to submit an abstract of no more than 200 words to:

Shifting Paradigms Conference Committee  
1 Forestry Drive, 320 Bray Hall  
SUNY ESF, Syracuse, NY 13210

There will be an award ceremony to recognize the outstanding presenters in each category on April 17. The con-





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# Letters, Letters, Letters!!

Dear Editor,

I'm writing this letter in response to the letters which appeared in the two previous editions of the *Knothole* which concerned the long-eared owl. In the letter written by Tim Accardo which appeared in the Feb. 17th edition, there seemed to be some sarcastic remarks made regarding animal rights. The other letter written by Corey Steinman, which appeared in the Feb. 24th edition, criticized Tim's remarks as "a sarcastic thoughtless answer to a valid question." I disagree with Corey's statement. I thought Tim's remarks were right on the money. In his letter Tim stated that "It's one thing to enter a forest or wilderness area and disturb an owl in its natural habitat. But implying that humans have no right to infringe on an owl's space no matter where that space may be is ludicrous." The owl was in an urban area, not its natural habitat. Also, Tim stated that "wildlife should and does have special rights." I believe that Corey missed Tim's point which was that sometimes wildlife and humans infringe on each other's space. Such events are often unavoidable. We humans can't always disrupt our life activities to avoid such encounters. I feel the sarcastic remarks which Tim wrote in his letter were written only to point out this fact. Tim's letter was by no means a "thoughtless answer."

Jeffrey J. Walter

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FOR THE 1993-1994 YEAR  
FOR MORE INFO COME TO BRAY 22 ON  
WED. MARCH 3 AND MARCH 17  
5:00 PM

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**Happy**  
**St. Patrick's**  
**Day!**



## A Response To Corey Steinman

When I wrote my letter in response to Amy Palmer's article I did so to point out that humans and wildlife often interact with each other. When this interaction occurs it can interfere with the functions of both wildlife and humans. This can cause problems, especially in an urban environment. We as humans have an obligation to protect wildlife. However, sometimes human concerns have priority over those of wildlife. Unfortunately in such instances wildlife must fend for itself. This was the point I was trying to get across. The sarcasm I used was to stress this point. My argument was not "founded in sarcasm" as Corey Stienman suggested.

Corey claimed that I answered Amy's question "with an accusation." In fact, I answered it with an opinion. I can understand Corey's reasoning because I interpreted Amy's question a little differently than she wrote it. I based my opinion on my interpretation. My mistake. I did not make a false statement as Corey claimed I did. I merely misinterpreted an already existing one.

Corey stated "What leap of imagination would lead someone to the conclusion that Amy Palmer poses a ban on watching wildlife." I never came to such a conclusion. What I concluded was that Amy believed humans don't have any right to look at wildlife (which as I just mentioned was wrong - my apology to Amy). In my eyes there is a difference between banning wildlife watching and not having the right to look at wildlife. Corey misinterpreted what I said. He is guilty of this error just as I am.

Corey also stated that "we have an obligation to present our opinions with integrity." I fail to see where I did this in my letter. Corey claimed my letter "was a sarcastic thoughtless answer to a valid question." Is this the integri-

ty Corey wrote about? I felt this statement was an insult to my intelligence. My answer was rational, well-thought out, and addressed Amy's question appropriately. If Corey understood the meaning behind my sarcasm I believe he would have realized this. Corey also stated that "It takes effort to make sure that what you are writing is accurate." Did Corey apply such effort in his letter? Corey wrote, "Our opinions, as future wildlife professionals, have powerful consequences." I am assuming he meant to include me in this statement since he was responding to my letter. I however have no intention of becoming a wildlife professional. Nor do most of the students at this college. There are many other majors at this institution besides EFB. Corey also used a term which I am unfamiliar with. What is "publicly owned wildlife?" I always considered wildlife as belonging to itself. I didn't realize that the animals of the forest or the birds which fly overhead were actually owned by the public. Is this what Corey meant?

My comments are not meant to attack Corey in any way. If Corey is insulted by them I am sorry. I am not bitter at Corey's remarks. He has every right to say what he feels. I am only trying to point out that a person's opinions should be looked upon with an open mind. An opinion is just that. It usually does not involve facts. It is an individual's belief. Each one of us has a right to his or her opinion. We also have the right to agree or disagree with an opinion. Unfortunately, opinions can sometimes be misinterpreted. This can lead to critical judgment. Opinions are not meant to be judged. They are to be respected.

Tim Accardo - Meat Eater

This was submitted through the *Knotpoll* about smoking on campus.

"Isn't it time to be a little reasonable? Smokers are men and women, fellow workers and students. Regardless of one's convictions about smoking and health, these people deserve our respect. They are not criminals or socially unacceptable. While society can hope that smoking and smokers will diminish, I believe influencing smokers through regulations can go too far. Forcing smokers to take smoke breaks outside is just plain disrespectful to them as human beings. Currently, providing an adequately ventilated room with a door that separates the smoking area from non-smokers is fair and just. These areas should be located as conveniently as possible for access to students, staff, faculty, and the smoking public. Not one of these people should be made to feel second class by placing these areas out of sight or in an inconvenient area."

## HEY FACULTY, STAFF, STUDENTS, FRIENDS, & RELATIVES!!!

This is *mostly* for my curiosity, but please humor me. I'm interested in what you people **read**...text books, inspiration, poetry, science fiction, how-to books, autobiographies, politics, sports,....

I'd appreciate it if you could write titles of your reading (ie. books, magazines, brochures,...) materials. Author, title, and a description of what/why you like(d) it would be super!!! Drop it off in the *Knotpoll* box or in the *Knothole* office (22 Bray) at anytime until March 31 st .

Thanks!!!!!!!



To the editor:

Like Max, I've been following the Kappa Phi Delta-Baobab Society interactions with interest. We should all consider the issues she pointed out in her letter. In doing so I disagreed with Max on two points. The first is that racism is a problem that white people, not people of color, have. White supremacy is a problem that all kinds of people have, Anglos, African-Americans, Asians, Serbians, Bosnians, Christians, Muslims, Jews, heterosexuals, homosexuals, the list goes on and on.

Secondly, it is NOT pointless to ask men to judge what is sexist, or heterosexuals to judge what is homophobic, or whites to judge what is racist. Max is right that to eliminate exclusivity from our lives we should try to see the world from another person's point of view. Hopefully by doing so we can see that thoughts, words, and actions previously unrecognized as offensive will be recognized and eliminated from use. This kind of action implies judgment, of ourselves and others.

I was also surprised by the student who claimed that we don't have racial problems at ESF. Max brought up the point that our perceptions are our reality. This student has not perceived any incidents of racism, so therefore it is not a problem. My own perception is that this campus is not integrated racially, ethnically or sexually (this mostly at the faculty level), so I see these issues as problems. I have also seen that these problems are being recognized, and that initial steps are being made to rectify them. Let's all try to walk the distance, remember walking is healthy.

Lisa St. Hilaire

## Spring Awards Banquet '93

For all of those going...  
Here ~~is~~ <sup>are</sup> the details !!

**When:** Friday March 19, 1993

**Times:** Cocktails 6:00 pm and Dinner 7:00 pm.  
Dancing immediately after Awards Ceremony.

**Where:** Drumlins Country Club on Nottingham Rd.

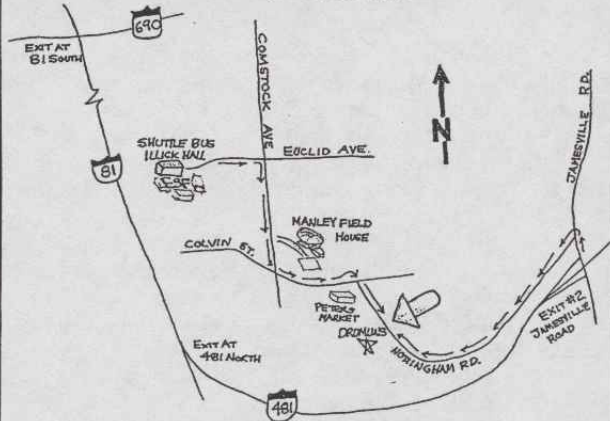
A Free shuttle service will be provided.

Go to 110 Bray for further info.

**Dress:** This is a semi-formal event, so a tux is not required.

(Tuxes will be available at a discounted rate...go to 110 Bray for info.)

**Special Info:** Bring a valid ID if you want to drink!



Remember...Be wise **DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE!!**

Please submit your Artwork, Poems, Short Stories for the annual

## Knothole Creativity Contest

entries accepted in Bray Hall 22 until April 8th at 4:00 pm



Prizes in each category:

1st place - \$25.00

2nd place - \$15.00

3rd place - \$10.00

Submit as often as you like!!



## IN THE NEWS...

2/18-2/24

\*Israel became the latest country to accept refugees from the former Yugoslavia, issuing temporary visas to 84 Bosnian Muslims.

\*James Bulgar, a two year old Briton, was found dead, having been thrown in front of a train earlier this week. This is the latest of horrifying crimes that are agonizing Britain. On Tuesday (2/23) two 10-year old boys were arraigned in the murder case.

\*Abortion right's groups announced that they have brought the Chinese version of RU486 into the United States for testing.

\*Hundreds of passengers aboard an overloaded ferry are believed to have drowned when it sank north of Haiti's southern peninsula. About 800 tickets had been sold for the trip, although a U.S. Coast Guard officer said that as many as 2,000 people sometimes made the trip.

\*The African National Congress subdued its more militant wing and approved a plan to let minority parties share in governing the country for five years after the end of white monopoly rule. The plan creates the prospect that the ruling National Party (DeKlerk's party) would stay on as a partner until near the end of the century. If the agreement is finally enacted, white-rule would end with the election by April 1994 of a 400 seat assembly, the first in which South Africa's 30 million blacks would have the right to vote. The assembly would write the new constitution and serve as the interim parliament for a term of five years. The President would be chosen from the most successful party (many believe this will be Nelson Mandela) and any party that won 5 percent of the vote or more would be eligible for Cabinet positions. Many believe, worldwide, that this agreement will remain binding. As reported last week, dissent comes primarily from other more militant black factions in South Africa, such as the Inkatha Freedom Party (Zulu) and the Pan-Africanist Congress.

\*Since the German reunification two years ago, the industrial powerhouse of the west is being dragged down by the formerly Communist economy of the east (which is collapsing under the weight of competition). Germany is sinking into a recession where the unemployment rate is 7.4 and rising.

\*Many countries are considering sanctions against Zaire. The central African nation has been going through a period of looting and rioting that has claimed hundreds of lives. The U.S., France and Belgium are the primary supporters of the sanctions while also suggesting that President Mobutu Sese Seko hand over power to an interim government.

\*U.S. and its allies are planning an emergency airlift of food and medicine to an estimated 200,000 people in remote areas of eastern Bosnia. The United Nations aid agency welcomed reports of the U.S. plans.

\*Dr. Jack Kevorkian has helped 15 people kill themselves. As the death toll mounts the bizarre has become the banal. Michael Schwartz, one of Kevorkian's lawyers says that, "The Legislature was hoping to end the practice, but paradoxically, they've encouraged it. People are becoming more desperate. They're concerned that the law will pre-

vent them from getting the help they need, that he'll be in jail when their time comes."

\*The U.S. Supreme Court is hearing the arguments of a deaf-boy's family that the local school district should pay for a sign-language interpreter in a Catholic school. The Court will also decide whether the Civil Right's Act of 1991 applies retroactively to the thousands of cases that were pending when it became law.

\*More than 50 inches of snow fell in Colorado over the weekend and into Monday, producing a series of avalanches, burying cars and leaving 5 skiers missing. By Wednesday of last week all 5 had been found healthy.

\*New Delhi is bracing for an enormous demonstration by Hindu militants as security forces try to seal the capital as clashes between the militants and the police are sweeping the city.

\*Defense Secretary Les Aspin, who has a mild heart condition, was in intensive care after being hospitalized for a breathing problem.

\*Gov. Mario Cuomo has nominated Judge Judith Kaye to become the first woman to be Chief Judge of the court.

\*The resurgence of TB, anthrax and rabies has taken alarming proportions in Iran, said Iranian doctors.

\*The trial of four white Los Angeles police officers was thrown into turmoil when a black juror was accused of making derogatory remarks about the defense team. Additionally, one of the defendants asked that his case be severed from that of the others.



## SPECIAL REPORT... Cures H.I.V. in Lab

## Drug Mixture

A medical student, Yung-Kang Chow, has found the virus that causes AIDS and has developed a novel drug strategy that eliminates the virus from the human cells grown in the test tube. The strategy involves using a combination of three drugs (AZT and ddI-already marketed drugs and one of two experimental drugs, either pyridinone or nevirapine) to attack a single component of H.I.V., an enzyme that makes copies of the virus's genetic material. In test tubes, the combination of drugs has blocked the virus from growing and spreading to other cells, as reported in the British scientific journal, *Nature*. But experts from Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, and others, emphasized that they did not want to create false hope. They cautioned that medicine was full of examples of substances that had seemed promising at the testing stage but had not led to the production of viable drugs, whether they were ineffective in patients or because they caused unacceptable side-effects.





## Passing the Torch

Plans for the 3rd annual Pass the Torch meeting are being finalized! On Tuesday, April 13 at 6:00 pm, new and old officers of all clubs and organizations are invited to attend a specially designed meeting and work session to assist in the transition from old officers to new officers. This meeting is growing into a tradition where old officers and new officers have the opportunity to collaborate and consult with one another about issues and ideas for the good of the future of their club or organization. They also have a chance to complete the requirements of the Annual Report and Activity planning sheets (which are both due Thursday, April 15th). Please make note of the date for this meeting. If you have questions or comments about Passing the Torch or any other function of the Office of Activities and Organizations, please feel free to contact Nisha Gupta, 110 Bray Hall, 470-6658.

## Earth Day Committee:

Earth Day, a tradition to celebrate the one thing all of us share, the earth. Earth Day? Isn't that in April? It does seem to be in the distant future especially if you're just trying to make it through next week. But think... April... classes will soon be over, Summer's coming on, warm weather, spring smells and the first flowers preparing to unveil themselves. Earth Day (as scheduled here on the 23rd) is really only 1 month and a half after Spring Break.

The Earth Day committee members are scheduling speakers and movies, preparing for clubs and organizations to come to campus, setting up ENTERTAINMENT AND FOOD for the final regala. There's still a ton of work to be done and we could use all the help we could get. Our meetings are in Marshall 309 (on 3R behind the LA Studio), Wednesdays at 5 pm.

If you are artistically inclined (or even if you're not!) we're sponsoring an ESF EARTH DAY LOGO CONTEST designed for Earth Day cups to be sold on Earth Day. Submission deadline is March 31st. Submit to Recycling Club Mailbox (basement of Bray). PRIZE: \$20 and a free cup!

-Deb Hammond

## News from Gamma Delt

Hi! The sisters are all busy gearing up for midterms. However, the former Beta pledge class did find time for a little reunion. Thanks Chris. We all had fun and it wouldn't have been possible without you.

The sisters are still busy with Dance Marathon. Dance Marathon starts March 19, so please continue to support us in our final weeks of fundraising.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new advisors, Barb Hasenstab and Betsy Elkins. We are looking forward to your input and guidance.

Happy 21st birthday to Karen. Well, the books are calling, so....later. Jen

## The Empire Forester

If anyone has pictures they would like to see in the yearbook, please drop them off in Bray 22 or the mailbox, also in the basement of Bray. Put your name and any other pertinent information on the back of the pictures if you would like them returned. Remember this is your yearbook. You can make it better and more memorable by contributing. Many thanks beforehand.

## Black Awareness Dinner

Joel Brown

On Friday, February 26, Bray Hall was filled with the sounds of folk tales, gospel songs, and tap dancing. The first Black Awareness Dinner took place with the cooperation of many facets of the ESF community (Undergraduate Admissions, Student Affairs, Affirmative Action, and the Baobab Society).

Talented and powerful women of the Syracuse community, students, faculty, and staff came together to share an experience which centered on a few components of the African-American culture. It was also pleasant to see many people enjoying the various dishes prepared for this special occasion. I would like to thank all who attended and helped to make this event possible.

## ATTENTION SENIORS:

If you did not get your senior picture taken for whatever reason, you can still have your picture in the yearbook. Just drop off a picture from any photography studio to either **22 Bray** or **110 Bray**. Please leave your name and major. If you would like the picture returned, make sure you include your address. Please get these pictures in **A.S.A.P., April 20th is the deadline.**

THANK YOU,

Empire Forester (your yearbook)



## Latin Night

Joel Brown

I would like to thank the many individuals that attended the Latin Night Friday, February 19. Many people patiently waited after the TGIF. A number of Kappa Phi Delta Brothers made a supporting effort to attend. It was great to see a large number of graduate students. Friends and guests from the ESF/SU community were another component in the success of the evening.

Not only did a large number of people show up and dance, but people took the opportunity to enjoy spanish refreshments, and the talents of poets up from Cornell. Guests took the opportunity to go to the third floor and enjoy the Festival of Places, where the LA students that had gone abroad presented their outstanding works.

Once again, I would like to thank all who attended. I need to commend the Baobab Society for the time and energy that was put into this event. With efforts like those put forward at the Latin Night this will be a well rounded community, supportive, and enjoying the pleasures that other cultures bring to this college.

### THANKS!!!!!!!

To the Forestry Club, Open Mike performers and everyone else who came and helped at the T.G. Great job was done by all..... Andrea Iosue (#'er)

### **\*\* Thank you \*\***

To everyone who helped me sell tickets for the Spring Awards Banquet.

- Small Stores volunteers
- Alpha Xi Sigma members
- Banquet Committee members
- Business Office employees

And special thanks to Brian Bay and Andrea Iosue for helping me do my job! Jenny Kupp

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## In the woods with

## SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS

Last Tuesday night was not a typical "business meeting." Of course we did cover a lot of material, especially on upcoming events. Further development of Spring activities planning were updated. If you had missed the meeting, here are some of the items we had discussed including: visiting local schools, Earth Day planning, specifics of Spring Bar-B-Q, and much more. Also at the meeting, SAF viewed and analyzed a movie on a very controversial subject relating to the Endangered Species Act.

Our planning for Spring is not over yet. That's why the Chair of SAF, Jen Kupp, is holding another business meeting on March 23. There are still many more items that need to be covered and organized. So, we ask that you please come to Marshall 212, on Tuesday night at 7:00 PM, and give us a hand in helping us develop activities that are coming up soon.

We thank-you for your support.

TOPIC: Business Meeting

PLACE: Marshall 212

TIME: March 23 at 7:00PM

Michele L. Montague- Secretary

### \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ SCHOLARSHIPS \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$

The American Association of University Women (AAUW of Syracuse) is announcing their scholarship. Applicant must be female, enrolled in a graduate school in Onondaga or Madison Counties, be an American citizen, show scholastic ability, leadership, social concern, and financial need.

For more information stop in the Financial Aid Office, 115 Bray Hall.

**DEADLINE: April 9, 1993!!!!**

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Orville Redenbacher company is announcing their 1993-94 Second Start Scholarships program. Eligibility criteria: age 30 or older, enrollment or planning to enroll in a degree program at an accredited college or university, pursuing part-time or full-time studies on an undergraduate or graduate level.

For more information & applications, stop in the Financial Aid Office, 115 Bray Hall.

**DEADLINE: May 1, 1993!!!!**



**"A new type of forester is needed: one who can be teacher and facilitator in the village, as well as a technically qualified professional."**

## Peace Corps

Programs and Job Opportunities

Peace Corps forestry and social forestry cannot be easily separated. Volunteers, working with rural people in developing countries, focus on community development. Programs are designed around needs, skills, and resources of local populations. Volunteers add their assessments to the perceptions of local citizens. Project type and scale are tailored to community expectations to secure the essential support of local governments and donor agencies.

Among a broad spectrum of programs, Peace Corps volunteers are introducing agroforestry using leguminous trees to increase crop yield. They promote community conservation by highlighting economic and soil fertility advantages, hand-in-hand with tree planting. They advocate seedling nurseries to supply private and communal tree plantations and stress that trees which can be sold for fuel, poles, or lumber are "money in the bank" for rural farmers with negligible income.

As projects build from plans to solid models to working realities, Peace Corps forestry extension agents work as educators. Volunteers serve for two years with the goal of working themselves out of a job by transferring skills, technology, and knowledge and by inspiring initiatives in local country counterparts. Enhancing natural resources

while fostering self reliance within communities brings about the overall development of a country. It is here that the social forester and the Peace Corps volunteer become one.

Peace Corps forestry and other natural resource personnel currently provide guidance and support for over 900 volunteers throughout the world. While 69 percent of the volunteers come into the Corps with backgrounds in forestry, others arrive armed only with an interest and a desire to help. Consultants and staff use technical skills during training before service and for in-service training of volunteers and local counterparts. Volunteers assist Peace Corps staff when ministries request forestry programs but are unsure of the best target, or when the Peace Corps enters a new country.

Opportunities for service are unlimited as the world begins to acknowledge that forestry is of concern to everyone. The Peace Corps is currently recruiting to fill more than 250 new positions. Peace Corps volunteers deal with the first people to affect and be affected by forests. The Corps is one U.S. government agency that works continuously with rural populations in developing countries. Society benefits as the grass roots from volunteer efforts to educate, to reinforce, and to preserve the world's resources. — *Nathan M. Lake*



Peace Corps volunteer Sophia Sanchez explains reforestation to school children in Guatemala. Sanchez, from Houston, Texas, holds a degree in forestry and geology from Stephen F. Austin University.

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## ALTERNATIVE

Imagine a home on a hill, surrounded by beautiful trees, a peaceful environment, a clean and healthy home. The hazards of the modern world are not a reality for those who choose the alternative. The hazards of the modern world are not a reality for those who choose the alternative. The hazards of the modern world are not a reality for those who choose the alternative.

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WEDNESDAY	12:00 - 3:00 PM

## VOLUNTEERS ARE BEING SOUGHT

On Thursday, April 22, 1993 from 9:30-12:30 pm, 80 (yes 80!) fourth graders from Moses Dewitt Schools will be on the ESF campus for a field trip to commemorate Earth Day celebrations. These students will be treated to tours of the paper making machine in Walters Hall, a tour of the greenhouses, the Roosevelt collection and other sites in Illick Hall, and an activity period where the kids will interact with the environment and nature to learn some insights about the idea behind Earth Day. The activities are beginning to come together, and we are seeking interested persons who can give anywhere from an hour to three hours of time on that day to work with the kids and help in other ways. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Nisha Gupta, Office of Activities and Organizations, 110 Bray Hall, 470-6658.

### Summer Jobs - Are you looking for yours?

There are several summer job opportunities which have come in through the Financial Aid Office and Career Services Office. If you haven't begun your search, or if you have but haven't used the summer job information available to you, you're probably missing out on some good possibilities.

The information is available in room 110 Bray during business hours. The notebooks are labeled Summer Jobs 1993 and are updated regularly with new listings that are coming in, so check often! Deadlines for many jobs are quickly approaching so don't delay!

## Food For Thought

I have been wondering...why is it that many students at this college of environmental science and forestry, who profess to be good stewards of the earth, concerned about the environment around them, who would never leave any debris on a mountain trail, are basic slobes in the library, leaving papers, food and other junk on the tables and floors? Why can't the "if you carried it in, carry it out, (or use a yellow recycling bin)" apply on campus too??

Elizabeth Elkins  
Associate Librarian

## NEWS FROM THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

Please be advised that Spring 1993 Audit Forms were mailed to the local address of all matriculated students last week. If you have not received yours please stop by the Registrar's Office and fill out a form.

The Audit Form provides an opportunity for you to verify the accuracy of your Spring registration. It must be completed and returned to the Registrar's Office in order to be eligible for Fall 1993 registration. Don't wait until the last minute, return your Audit Form to 111 Bray Hall today.

"Minds are like parachutes.  
They only function when they're open."

Thomas Dwyer

## ESF EARTH DAY LOGO CONTEST

- Are you artistically inclined?
- Are you not?

### IT DOESN'T MATTER...

You can design a logo that will be printed out on cups and sold at the ESF Earth Day celebration. Submit your design at the Recycling Club mailbox (bottom of Bray) by March 31st with your name and phone number on back.

### WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?...

Besides the fact that you'd be locally acclaimed, you get \$20 and a free cup!



# REGULARS

## Life, the Universe, and Everything\*

by Kal Island

Since the beginning of civilization, humans have used science, religion, mythology, and philosophy to try and explain the Nature of Creation. Well forget all that! Just sit back, relax, and I'll explain the whole thing to you. Trust me.

There seem to be *two* major scientific schools of thought on the origin and ultimate fate of the universe. (We'll do religion, mythology, and philosophy some other time). Both agree that the universe began with the "Big Bang"; that cosmic orgy where all the matter in creation blew out into space in a huge, orgasmic spasm (sorry, but at least now I have your ATTENTION), resulting in the known universe. What's more, all this matter is still expanding.

But what happens next? Some believe that the universe will continue to expand, entropy will continue to increase, and countless billions of years from now nothing will be left except cold, dead rocks floating in the infinite void.

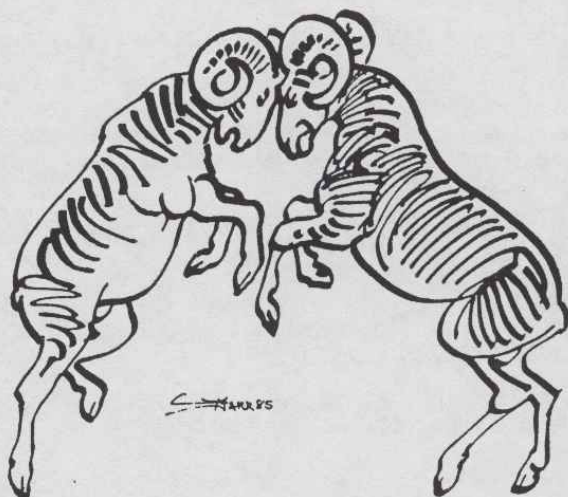
I don't buy that. It sounds too abrupt, too...final. The fact that anything exists at all - that we can even contemplate these things - implies that there must be meaning to Existence. At least that's how I see it. I prefer the other school of thought; the one that says the universe is created ("Big Banged," if you will), expands for awhile, then falls back in on itself, only to start the process all over again.

How many iterations have there been so far, I wonder? An infinite number before this one, with an infinite number to come? How many beings in how many creations have stood and looked up at the night sky and wondered? Have the atoms that make up the molecules that make up the neurons that make up our brains ever been used to think a thought in some previous universe? Will they be used again?

Yea! That's how it works! That's how we live forever! These lives we have now come an end, and we're buried in the ground; returned to the Earth. Then, in several billion years, the Earth is returned to the Sun, then the Sun to the stars, then the stars to each other. Then, billions and billions of years later, the whole thing blows up and is returned to the cosmos, and the process repeats itself, over and over and over....

It was Carl Sagan who once said that we are made of "star stuff." (He is also believed to have invented the word "billion"). So, the next time you look up at the night sky, think about how what you're seeing is just one of an infinite number of universes that have been or will be, and that each of us is an integral part of eternity. Then go have a beer. You'll need it.

\* With apologies to Douglas Adams.



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## Nature

by Jeff Hays

A few weeks ago I saw a video that showed one portion of the earth from a fixed satellite. Days passed in under five seconds enabling us to observe the activity of the area for what had been a period of several months. We saw air masses swirling and churning. Hurricanes would form and dissipate, and there were periodic explosions of rain clouds. In this aspect of nature, this accelerated cloud dance, I saw fire, as though the earth were being engulfed in the searing plume of dragon breath.

I would also compare nature to music. There is a symphony being played in the forests by the trees, animals, insects, and streams. There is the melodious brook and the crashing wave; the rustle of the aspen and the whisper of the pine. In summer all is drowned in the chorus of insects.

Nature is beautiful and terrifying; loving and brutal. It holds what I love most about life, and also harsh reminders of death and destruction. While nature is the lilac and the butterfly; it is also the earthquake and the lightning strike, therefore, I love and respect it.

Nature is with or without us; it is the void the universe expands into. Nature is the Great Spirit, God, and Maphisto all in one. Life flows from the spring of nature, but ever swirling in about is also death. Yet, death provides for renewed life. As the old oak falls it provides for the new.



## A New Vision?

Thomas Paine in 1775 stated in his essay "Common Sense" that "We have in our power to begin the world over again. A situation similar to the present hath not appeared since the days of Noah until now. The birthday of a new world is at hand." With this expectation a vision of society was formulated of an American renaissance that would rival Europe's - a world where nature as well as society would be reformulated and restructured by man. This "American Dream" would give form to a world dominated by man's belief in himself to control his own destiny; nature subjugated and controlled for the "common welfare"; the "pursuit of happiness" facilitated by domination of the environment. Science and technology would lead to a new social order, an earthly Paradise, a new Utopia.

Two hundred and some odd years later we have altered the earth and human life in ways many of which are irrevocable. The wilderness has been civilized; we inhabit the continent. Some of the changes we have wrought have benefited us beyond any expectation, most have been destructive beyond all imagining. Today we are confronted not only with shattered dreams dealing with the quality of human life and cultural values, but with the ultimate question of human survival itself on this planet. Our vision of human existence, of our place in the universe is cloudy and obscure. We have been ensorcelled by a vision, a myth of the benefits of industry, technology, and an unrelenting desire for "progress". By divorcing ourselves from earth's cycles and separating ourselves from earth's living community (because we are god-chosen and somehow qualitatively different) the consequences of our ego-centered anthropocentric vision has determined that a devastated violated planet is to be our legacy to our children.

We are desperately in need of a new vision, a new direction to take. We need to make a deliberate thoughtful commitment to respect the earth, its natural processes, and the existence of all lifeforms. We need to acknowledge the interdependence of all earth's species (of which man is only one among a nearly countless variety) all all of earth's natural processes. We can no longer naively believe that all of creation is ours to subjugate and use as we see fit. We desperately need to mature, to develop a cosmic vision that integrates the human community with all of earth's lifeforms and natural processes. Humanity must find its niche as a functioning, contributing member of the natural world. We can no longer feel superior to our evolutionary heritage.

Dennis Madge

".....in nature there are no families, no genera, no species.....; there are only individuals more or less resembling one another."

Hochreutiner

## Laziness at ESF?

Last week Gary Feinland quoted from an article which mentioned that during a recent study, magazines were found in ESF's garbage. It is most likely that many of the government agencies', organizations', and businesses' garbage they dug through had recyclable materials. I realize that this must be the case, yet I find little excuse for any individuals not to recycle here at ESF. It is a legal issue for the college to conform to county regulations on recycling of certain items. The recycling club and the college have worked together to make it as convenient as possible to recycle. Not everyone at ESF is an "environmentalist", of course, but is it asking too much to simply take care of their contribution to the waste stream?

I have on many occasions pulled recyclable paper, cans, etc. out of garbage cans here on campus. I do this not because I enjoy picking through garbage, but because when I see such things my conscience does not let me ignore them. I do not think that I am overly sensitive to such issues because I know many others who take recycling much more seriously. Even though recycling of at least some types of waste is mandated by law, recycling may be more of a moral issue.

Then there are those who are on the opposite end of the spectrum. It seems like there must be many individuals at ESF who flagrantly refuse to recycle, at least given the extent that I observe the problem. Actually, I do not believe that this is the case. How then can I explain that almost every time I throw something in a garbage can at ESF, I see some things that belong in a recycle bin. My thesis is that laziness is the reason for this problem.

Just the other day, while emptying the paper recycle bin from my office I noticed a stack of manila file folders in the large yellow recycle bin in the hall. Sure, they are recyclable, but I knew that I could re-use them (just another type of recycling). In the process of retrieving them, I uncovered two computer disks, and about 50 sheets of overhead transparencies. I would guess that you all realize these things are not recyclable. It turns out that the guilty party was one of the EFB professors, who will go unnamed. This person at least tried to recycle, but the effort was thwarted again by laziness. How difficult would it have been to take an extra 30 seconds to look through the folders before throwing them in the recycle bin?

Now that I draw this thesis (strewn with opinion that it is) to a close, I would like to summarize: **Don't be so lazy!** Take a few extra seconds and recycle, and do it right.

Rob Barber

"Actors are the only honest hypocrites."  
\* Hawlitt



## To What End the Knotpoll?

Robert Cymbala

I would like to call into question the effectivity of the most recent Knotpoll and point to ways in which recent controversies on campus can be approached differently. What was the Knotpoll designed to do? In the past, Knotpoll results have been reported along with a summary of the comments of the readers. I've answered "yes" (I think under-represented students are treated differently on the ESF campus than the white male) and specified my status as "graduate" in the Knotpoll question of February 17, 1993. I want to extend my comment as it appears on the Knotpoll, which reads:

The Knotpoll question frames the issue in every narrow terms, and it even suggests that ESF might be a "pure" environment free of racism.

To begin, I think the question in the poll could have been chosen more carefully. In the same issue that reports on the violation of the rights of a student who is part of an under-represented group of students and therefore was viewed as a potential criminal, the Knotpoll asks whether under-represented students are treated differently. The Knotpoll could have asked:

If you are a white male student, have you ever treated under-represented students differently while on the ESF campus?

The tally of YES/NO would have approximated actual practices, rather than actual opinions, thereby making it more difficult for oppressive practices to continue under the veil of a generally agreed upon disapproval of those practices. The "comments" could have asked for specific examples, or "confessions," to be anonymously summarized along with the results of the poll. This approach, assuming there are white males who are willing to contribute what they know from first-hand experience, would have at least moved the level of debate from that of being sensitive to the existence of a problem to the level of a pro-active inquiry into what the nature of the problem actually is, opening up the possibility of a further inquiry into how it may be solved.

A "confessional" approach may be justified given the inability of white males to be pro-active in matters of discrimination and the relatively comfortable existence privileged people are enjoying. Rob Barber, writing on the campus climate for women at E.S.F. in the same issue of the Knot-hole, writes:

We men, for one reason or another, feel like we do not need to be informed, let alone be involved in hearing and resolving women's issues. That is where we are wrong.

**The key for making these forums successful is for the men on campus to attend.** Then we will be better able to understand what the issues are from the women's perspectives, and most importantly, how we can keep from being part of the problem.

Implicitly, this call for attendance and understanding has begun to define the limits of white male responsibility in improving the conditions for women (the same could be said with regard to the condition of under-represented students, women included). It will allow those men who do decide to attend the opportunity to think they are absolved from further responsibility when their understanding has been improved and they can see what it is really like to be a woman in a patriarchal society (of which ESF is a part). The limits on what the forums can accomplish are partially defined, then, insofar as public declarations of what the purpose of the forums should be influence what happens at the forums. I would argue that successful forums depend upon the attendance of men but, more importantly, an honest evaluation of the extent of the problem, and an honest attempt to understand its causes, by *all those who attend*.

Both men and women, and privileged and under-represented or disprivileged students (including the man/woman dichotomy), need to understand the system of relations that make it possible for discrimination, harassment, and "misunderstandings" to continue. It is also important to recognize that ESF is more like a microcosm of existing inequalities than an area separated from the society that gave rise to ESF and its community. To that end, the current discussions in the Knothole, and the Knotpoll question in particular, has done very little by implying that the ESF campus is a haven from the outside world where oppressed people are welcomed in general.

Got a story?

Did your club do something last weekend?

Are they doing something this weekend?

**GET IT IN THE KNOTHOLE**

Poems, essays, and artwork

are needed to spruce this thing up a little bit.

Drop your stuff in the envelope  
on the office door (Bray 22). Thanks.

**If there is no struggle, there is no progress. Those who profess to favor freedom and yet deprecate agitation are men who want crops without plowing up the ground, they want rain without thunder and lightning. They want the mighty ocean without the roar of its many waters.**



## Nature Notes

by Pete Tango

**Snipe Hunting!** How many of you who have gone camping have heard of sending two people out with a pillowcase and flashlight to go and catch a snipe? This usually ranks right up there with telling someone you need a left-handed smoke shifter for the fire, a sky-hook, or perhaps the camp needs some white lamp-black this day.

Well, let's put this myth to rest. Number one - there truly is a bird known as a snipe (*Capella galinago* for the bird folks out there), and there are related birds such as the American woodcock (*Scolopax minor*) that are sometimes called "snipe". Number two - the flashlight trick really works! I was involved with work through the US Fish and Wildlife Service in Virginia where I banded over 800 such birds; 99% of them were caught using a high powered flashlight at night in the fields where the woodcock and snipe came to roost before migrating to more southern climates for the winter.

Historically (late 1800's - early 1900's) these "snipe" were market hunted and killed by the thousands. Night-lighting using a "fire-stick" for light to locate the birds (portable electrical units haven't been around forever!) was an important tool of the trade. These days it is illegal to use nightlighting to take these game birds but it remains a potent technique for obtaining birds by the researcher. We initially spotted birds roosting on the ground using a light from our jeep. Then we would creep up closer to them on foot and, using a long-handled (8-10') net to drop over the birds once within this range, capture them. Initially, I was told by a devoted woodcock researcher that it was difficult to get close to woodcock. But, according to the same researcher, I may own the world record for catching woodcock using only a flashlight and a bare hand as witnessed by many of my co-workers! So forget the bag - now you can tell people around the campfire to go snipe hunting knowing they really do exist, and just give them a flashlight before sending them off into the night on a wild snipe chase! Happy camping!

## Tales From A Couch Potato

Well it's been almost two months since my lengthy college career came to an end (It's amazing how fast 100 years went by). If you think it's difficult organizing your time when you're in school, wait til you're out in the "real world". You have to make life altering decisions such as what to watch...Oprah or Phil. Thank goodness for VCR's!

If you thought lab practicals were fun, you're in for a real treat. There is nothing as exciting as the search for that mythical creature "The Job". At first, you're selective and only send resumes to employers you actually want to work for. Then after a while you begin to send resumes to any potential employers that are remotely in the environmental field. Of course, a smart person would have begun

sending resumes out months before graduation, and I had planned on doing that- but oh well, you know- things to do. So, I guess while I wait for that job of a lifetime to come along, (or McDonald's) I'll do what any well educated energetic college graduate would do...get a big bag of Dorito's and a remote control and think of excuses to tell my parents and friends when they ask me why I still can't find a job after 100 years of college. If anyone has any new excuses I would like to hear them, I'm beginning to run out of them.

Good Luck this semester!!!

## How 'bout Them Moles???

As the snow slowly melts into lawns one can notice the elevated channels of dirt that wind their way across the ground. If you've seen one of these mole tunnels then you know what I'm talking about, because if you've seen one mole tunnel, you've seen them all. But even if you haven't, here are some mole facts that are interesting to know...

When the mole is tunneling near the surface of the soil - it lies on its side! (right or left is a personal choice I should think)

Moles have an extra os (ie. bone) in their forepaw area. This os falciforme makes the hand larger and more shovel-like.

Most moles have sensory adaptations to their subterranean environment (I say *most* because there are semi-aquatic moles)- they have tiny eyes and ears but...well developed olfactory bulbs. (These bulbs are found in the brain region)

Moles have a high metabolism (like the shrew, but not as fast) even though they live in a dark, dank, low O<sub>2</sub> and high CO<sub>2</sub> environment. This is possible because of their diet of Wheaties. Actually, most scientists think that the hemoglobin content of the beasties blood is a more correct assumption. (Hemoglobin is an oxygen taxi - fast and reliable as any good taxi ought to be).

The three possible moles you could have in your New York lawn (unless you've imported your own) are the Hairy tailed mole (*Parascalops breweri*), the Eastern aquatic mole (*Scalopus aquaticus*) and Jen's favorite the Star-nosed mole (*Condylura cristata*).

## Writing Center Hours-Spring '93

Monday	10:30 am - 3:30 pm
Tuesday	10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Wednesday	10:00 am - 3:30 pm
Thursday	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Friday	10:30 am - 12:30 noon



## YOU ARE INVITED TO A SUMMER COLLEGE WORK-STUDY JOBS FAIR

**Purpose:** To explore summer opportunities at the regional properties and on the main campus through the College Work-Study Program.

**When:** Thursday, March 25, 1993 1:15 - 4 p.m.

**Where:** Nifkin Lounge, Marshall Hall

### Who will be represented?

St. Lawrence Campus  
Newcomb Campus  
Cranberry Lake Biological Station  
Wanakena Campus  
Lafayette Road Experiment Station  
Heiberg Forest, Tully  
ESF Main Campus

*Come and chat informally with faculty, staff, and students.*

*Bring an interested friend(s).*

*Refreshments will be served.*

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## POEMS

### Across The Fringe - 1

it took a painful decade and  
you  
to cross the fringe

it took a decade  
a little threshing  
maturity  
getting rid of hatred  
to feel the flaming desire  
and the soothing sensation

it took about a decade and  
you  
to reach the soul-sobbing pain  
and the most blissful ecstasy

it took a decade and  
you  
to cross the fringe  
and reach the green field  
love

Azharul H. Mazumder

SHUTTLE BUSES to The Spring Awards Banquet meet behind Moon Library and at Goldstein on South Campus at 6:00 and 6:30. The buses leave the Banquet at 11:30, 12:00, and 12:30. SIGN UP IN MARSHALL FOYER where tickets are being sold.

### Only Constant, Is Change

we are flowers: colorful identities,  
we are weeds: to a crop of distrust we owe,  
we are thorns: a source of suffering,  
we are trees: some solid, others hollow.

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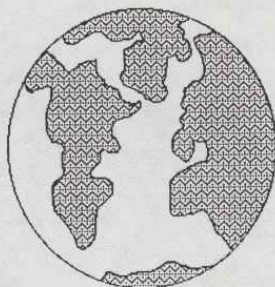
**DESTINY**, or Karma, depends upon what the soul has done about what it has become **aware** of.

Edgar Cayce

"The greatest and sublimest power is often simple patience."

\* Bushnell

# REMEMBER



It's not too early to start thinking about...

EARTH  
DAY, '93



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, March 17

**Wildlife Society** presents Gerry Smith - Stewardship and the Nature Conservancy at 6:30 pm in Illick 5

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Friday, March 19

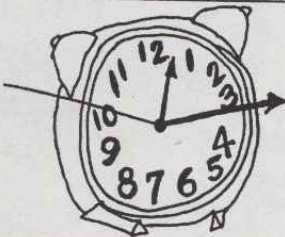
**Spring Awards Banquet** at Drumlins Country Club from 6 pm - 1 am

Tuesday, March 23

SAF will have a business meeting in Marshall 212 at 7:00 pm

**CUTE & FUNNY**

by Lesley Johnson



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Thank you to all of you who responded to the question regarding the treatment of under-represented students on the ESF campus. The responses were spilt evenly, 50% said yes under-represented students are treated differently and 50% said no they are not. One person argued that the question "suggests that ESF might be a pure environment free of racism." The questions intent was to get your opinion of racism on the ESF campus, not to say it does not exist.

Don't forget to answer last weeks question regarding the elections. Your responses will be printed the next issue!

Do you think the ESF community is apathetic toward student government?

YES

NO